

1 we have given our State an instrument of governance which  
2 is not only mindful of the needs of our time, but which  
3 has its eyes on the future of our children and our children's  
4 children.

5 But the drafting is only half the job, and we  
6 pledge today our best efforts to the education of the  
7 people of this State who have sent us here to know what  
8 we have done. We are confident that on May 14 when this  
9 Constitution becomes the law of Maryland, we will have  
10 given our State a shield for the defense of sacred rights  
11 and a sword to strike down the encroachments of tyranny.

12 But more than this, our State will set an  
13 inspiring example for all of its sisters in the Union.  
14 America, America, God shed His Grace on thee. Confirm  
15 Thy good in brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

16 (The Convention arose and applauded.)

17 THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Delegate  
18 Carlton R. Sickles. (Applause)

19 DELEGATE SICKLES: Mr. President:

20 When I come up to sign, my head will swim with  
21 memories of this Convention -- of my own impatience and